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SUBJECT: DAE CHAIRMAN CHARACTERIZES AS BASELESS THERMONUCLEAR
SPECULATION

FOLNG SENT NEW DELHI INFO CALCUTTA AND MADRAS FROM BOMBAY DTD
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SUBJ: DAE CHAIRMAN CHARACTERIZES AS BASELESS
THERMONUCLEAR SPECULATION

1. DAE CHAIRMAN SETHNA TALKED TO PRESS IN BOMBAY YESTERDAY
26TH AND IS QUOTED IN TODAY'S EDITIONS AS CHARACTERIZING REPORT
THAT INDIA EXPERIMENTING WITH A HYDROGRN DEVICE AS "CHEAP
SENSATIONAL NEWS" AND SAYING THAT REPORT HAD ABSOLUTELY NO
SUBSTANCE AND THAT "SUCH LOOSE TALK CREATES COMPLICATIONS".

2. IN RESPONSE QUESTIONS, SETHNA ALSO QUOTED AS SAYING THAT
NO RADIOACTIVITY HAD BEEN DETECTED AT SITE AND THAT IF THERE HAD
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BEEN ANY IT WOULD HAVE BEEN DETECTED AT THE SITE. SAID STUDY

OF ROCKS AS WELL AS PERSONS WHO APPROACHED SITE AND LIVED NEAR SITE SHOWED THAT THERE WAS ABSOLUTELY NO RADIOACTIVITY AS A RESULT OF THE EXPLOSION. DRILLING AT SITE, HE SAID, HAD ALREADY BEEN STARTED AND THAT IT WOULD TAKE SOME TIME TO GET MORE DATA.

3. IN COURSE TALK TO NEWSMEN HE ALSO SAID INDIAN SCIENTISTS WERE STUDYING WHETHER THERE WAS A GENETIC EFFECT ON HUMAN BEINGS ON ACCOUNT OF THE CONTINUOUS EXPOSURE TO RADIOACTIVITY FOUND IN KERALA BEACHES. (COMMENT: THIS IN REFERENCE TO HIGH THORIUM CONTENT KERALA BEACHES. SETHNA HAS TOLD ME IN PAST THEIR STUDIES SHOW RADIOACTIVITY KERALA BEACHES HIGH AND THAT RADIATION LEVEL HIGHER THERE THAN NORMALLY CONSIDERED ACCEPTABLE IN SAY REACTOR POWER PLANTS. RADIATION LEVELS GOAN BEACHES HIGH BUT NOT AS HIGH AS KERALA.)
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